Progress in slum development

796. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's assistance to provide basic amenities to the slum dwellers is meagre and hence satisfactory progress could not be achieved in slum development;

(b) the details of the fund allocated for slum development, during the last five years;

(c) Government's achievement so far; and

(d) the action taken by Government on the proposals received from the States, if any, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Slum Development is a State subject. However, with a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the slum dwellers, a programme known as the National Slum Development (NSDP) was launched at the National level by Government in August, 1996.

Allocations under NSDP for the year 2004-05 had been increased from Rs. 363.94 crore to Rs. 700.00 crore.

Further to facilitate construction and upgradation of dwelling units for the slum dwellers and to provide healthy and enabling urban environment through community toilets, a centrally sponsored scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) is being implemented since 2001.

(b) Details of the allocations and release of funds under NSDP during the last 5 years, are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Allocation	Release
2000-01	365.81	247.34
2001-02	385.00	282.40
2002-03	365.00	333.44
2003-04	364.00	335.07
2004-05	700.00	613.78*

*Does not include releases to UTs.

The details of the funds allocated and released under VAMBAY since inception of the scheme and upto 2004-05 are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Allocation	Release
2001-2002	69.00	68.67
2002-2003	256.85	208.49
2003-2004	238.50	238.34
2004-2005	280.58	269.41

(c) since the inception of the programme till date 68129 slum Pockets in 2573 towns benefiting 4.13 crore slum dwellers have been covered under NSDP.

The details of the physical achievements since inception of the scheme till date under VAMBAY are as under:—

No. of Dwelling Units		No. of Toilet seats	
Completed	In progress	Completed	In progress
200773	41047	31500	6540

(d) Slum Development being a State subject, the implementation of National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) is with the State Governments. The State Governments, therefore, formulates specific plans, programmes and schemes for development of slums in various cities as per their priorities and make necessary provisions therefore in their respective State Plans. Hence, no project proposals are required to be sent to the Central Government under this programme.

The Government had received certain proposals through Housing & Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) for release of Government of India funds for implemenation of VAMBAY in various States/ UTs. The proposals, complete in all respect as per the VAMBAY Guidelines, were sanctioned by the Government and Government of India funds were released.